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## MAN BURNED IN CANADA LANDING



### Report From Japan

The following information reached us from Jun-Ichi Takanashi, APRO's representative in Japan. It is a condensed version of a complete report and has been shortened in the interest of space, only: See photo above.

On the evening of 13 February 1967 at about 5:58 P.M. Mr. Sachio Sakuma of Tokyo, Japan, was taking photographs of the moon with his camera, Petri V6. The camera data: 1/4 sec. (SSS) F1.8 f255 mm S-2 T-5 x 42 (H20). Mr. Sakuma did not notice the object in the upper part of the photo when he took the photo, but submitted the photo to Modern Space Flight Association on March 17. He hoped that perhaps someone else might have observed the object, but to date no information on additional sightings has been reported.

Mr. Hironobu Naoi of the MSFA took the photograph to Chigusa Photo Studio and asked for an evaluation. After careful inspection they came to these conclusions: (1) That the photo was not a hoax and (2) the possibility should be considered that it was a photo of an artificial satellite.

The photograph was then submitted to the Asahi newspaper for examination, they returned it with the same conclusions as those of the Chigusa Studio, then asked to enter it in their "Readers Photo Contest."

On April 7 Mr. Sakuma refuted speculations (See "Japan" — Page 3)

### Red Discs In Oklahoma

Two reporters for the Joplin, Missouri Globe reported to their paper that early on the morning of 25 March they were headed to Spring River to fish and as they turned west on Highway 10C they saw three pale red glowing objects which were dome-shaped on top and flat on the bottom, hovering above the road. White light coming from what appeared to be windows could be seen around the circumference of the domed enclosure. They were stationary for two or three minutes, then began to move to the west, ascending as they did so. While moving west, another object of the same size and shape showed up in the formation, making it four. The whole formation eventually disappeared.

### Around The Globe:

PENANG, MALAYSIA, 15 January 1967: A lawyer, One Huck Hong and his son Liang Chee of this city reported seeing a saucer-shaped object with dome and watched it through binoculars. They reported that it appeared to be hovering over the Penang Harbor, "going up and down." Liang Chee told the press that he could see "whirling lights and bars on its dome resembling windows." Queries by the press to the RAAF Base at Butterworth elicited the information that they had no report of a UFO but that a plane was taking off at about the time the incident reportedly took place and that the object seen might have been the aircraft.

QUEENSLAND, CANTERBURY, AUSTRALIA, 8 March 1967. A dark-grey, "plate-like" object which appeared to hover over the Bowling Green was observed in this city by Mrs. D. Manhood and her sister, Mrs. R. Coleman at 10:10 A.M. The women viewed the object after Mrs. Manhood's daughter Joanne wandered out to the veranda and Mrs. Manhood went after her. There was rain that morning, and the object came down out of the clouds, hovered, then moved over toward the railway line, then went out of sight in a westerly direction. They thought it might have landed, for seconds after it descended in the west it rose from behind the railway line and

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The first landing of the current Canadian flap took place at about 12 noon on 20 May 1967 in a wild area east of Winnipeg, Canada. The principal in the case, Mr. Steve Michalak, was engaged in some weekend prospecting in the vicinity of Falcon Lake which is 75 miles east of the city. The basic facts are:

At 12:13 P.M. Michalak's attention was arrested by the noise of a number of geese which had been roused when he first arrived in the area, but quieted later after getting used to his presence. Michalak looked up to see what was disturbing the birds and saw two red objects approaching at about 14 to 15 degrees from horizontal and on a heading of 240 degrees. The first one was about 15 feet in altitude, the second slightly higher, and they approached at very high speed. The first object came to rest on the ground, blowing leaves and rock lichen from the landing spot. Michalak was crouching in the bush, examining a rock sample, out of sight of the object. The second object hovered for a few seconds, then took off at high speed. Michalak took a piece of sketch paper out and began sketching the object on the ground. For the next half hour the machine simply sat where it had landed, "radiating heat" in rainbow-like colors. Michalak said that when the object was airborne it was a dull red color, and when on the ground it had the appearance of stainless steel.

Michalak sketched and watched for about 25-30 minutes, then a square door with rounded edges opened. He said "fantastic" purple light emanated from the opening, and after he put on his welding glasses he was able to see flashing red, green and blue lights inside the thing but he could not tell if they were located on a panel or what.

At this time, Michalak heard a high-pitched whining sound like that of a motor running at high speed, also he smelled an odor resembling that of a burned out electrical motor, and heard a "whooshing" sound, as if air was being taken in and expelled.

Michalak then approached the machine, noticing the heat radiating from the object. He claims he heard the sound of voices, so he spoke to it, getting no answer. He spoke in English, Russian, German, Italian and Polish. The sound of the "motor" stopped at this point, he

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### New Lorenzen Book

"The Flying Saucer Occupants" is the title of a new book co-authored by APRO's Director, L. J. Lorenzen and his wife, Coral, who is APRO's secretary and editor of the Bulletin. The contents include several chapters comparing various landing cases, with descriptions of

occupants, a chapter on censorship, technical aspects and interpretations and analysis of the occupant sightings. Also included are a chapter by Dr. Olavo T. Fontes, APRO's Brazilian representative (his medical notes on the Villas Boas case) and a chapter by Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle dealing with the psychological and sociological ramifications of the UFO problem. The foreword is written by Dr. Frank B. Salisbury, head of the Plant Science Dept. of Utah State University and one of APRO's advisors.

It should be noted at this time that THIS BOOK WILL NOT BE FOR SALE AT APRO — those wishing to obtain it should inquire through their local paperback book stores. It is published by New American Library under the Signet imprint. The price is not yet known, but should be nominal.

### Problems Ahead

Although there is a periodic, once-a-month slackening of reports, the general picture of UFO activity is one of ever-increasing frequency. The information is not at hand at the moment concerning the number received at Headquarters since January 1, but it is a matter of fact that the number of sightings presented in this issue in condensed form are only a tiny fraction of those available.

Some members are concerned that their reports are not used in the Bulletin. The problem is purely one of available space. We try to choose sightings which represent the TYPES of craft seen, the AREAS being visited, and the apparent ITEMS OF INTEREST on the ground. By the latter we refer to such things as communications networks, power stations, military reservations, etc.

If the "flap" increases in intensity at the rate noted in the past 6 months, there will be more reports than can be adequately investigated by Fall. If the "flap" rises to a great crest of reports as indicated by the patterns of activity detected in the past, it will be most difficult to keep track of current information when August and September are upon us, let alone investigate each report brought to our attention.

In our January-February issue we issued a plea for volunteer investigators to assist our "regulars" in tracking down reports received either at this office or by members in the field. Since approximately 1,000 new members have been added to the membership rolls since the first of the year, we feel there may be additional investigators who could be pressed into service during the coming emergency. We are especially interested in educators, doctors, (although we understand their lack of spare time), lawyers, executives, and anyone with a background in psychology. Those who are willing to step in and help out should direct a letter to Headquarters stating their desire to volunteer, and mark the envelope with the word "volunteer."

Because of the press of correspond-

ence, new reports and investigations, we have not been able to contact new volunteers directly, but have written those who are in areas reporting increased activity. Volunteers should monitor local news media as much as possible and initiate their own investigations wherever possible. This will remove some of the strain from Headquarters personnel.

We can use more ham radio operators in our Data-Net, and hope there will be further response. New radio net members responding to this call will be contacted by a Tucson ham via radio.

### Attention Data Net Hams

Mr. Lou Daugherty, APRO's Tucson Headquarters ham operator coordinator, has informed us that K7YXP and W7OFE will be operating at 1700 GMT (11 A.M. Tucson Daylight Savings Time) on a frequency of 14.31 megacycles. Participants who have information to relay to Headquarters are asked to give a long call and if no answer is forthcoming, to try again the next morning.

### Staff Produces Newsletter

Under the co-editorship of Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle and Dr. Wm. D. Barnes, the Staff of APRO is publishing its separate newsletter, the purpose of which is the coordination of information and ideas among APRO's staff and Advisory Committee. One issue has been published to date. Publication will not be confined to a schedule, the Newsletter being issued when there is sufficient justification. Items of special interest to the membership at large will be included in the Bulletin from time to time. Because the Newsletter is an added publication and therefore costly, its distribution will be confined to the staff.

### Second Landing In Canada

Mr. James Thompson of Winnipeg, Canada is currently investigating the second landing in Manitoba within 10 days. Following are the details available at press time: On the 31st of May, a farm woman living outside of Beausejour, Manitoba (about 45 miles from Winnipeg) was sitting on her front porch at 11:30 P.M. waiting for her husband to come home. She saw a brilliant red light with a smaller blue light beside it, come up from the south. The light illuminated the ground and appeared to land. The woman became frightened, went into the house. The next morning she and her husband investigated the area where the object apparently had landed and found a semi-circular area 30 by 50 yards in size in flames. The strange facet of this case is the fact that on 15 June the area was still smouldering despite the fact that there had been considerable rain in the area. Further information will be printed in subsequent issues as it is available. Soil samples are being tested.

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lation that the object in the photo could have been an artificial satellite as follows in a letter to Mr. Naoi: "As to the possibility that it was an artificial satellite; if it had been, it might have been seen after ten seconds or so after taking the photo, as a satellite's speed is rather slow, but I could not see any in the vicinity of the moon when I saw the moon again after taking the photo."

At the time Mr. Naoi had taken the photo to the Chigusa Studio he also sent copies of the photo to others, among whom was Mr. Josichika Sakamoto, a competent amateur astronomer who frequently contributes articles dealing with the moon to astronomical magazines in Japan. His comments, (condensed) dated April 10 are as follows:

Comparing the photo with those of meteors, he could find none comparable. He felt that if it had been of a meteor the image would have been longer. Because the object had a faint "tail" he felt comets should be taken into consideration, but the tail does not coincide with the direction of the sun, judging from the shadows of the moon, so he ruled that out. He considered that it might have been a faint meteor which had suddenly exploded, but its clear outline makes it a very rare photo, if it is one.

Considering the possibility that the object was a true UFO, Mr. Sakamoto questioned the reason why the object is blurred compared with the clear image of the moon, then comments that it could be due to speed. He stated that it was not possible to judge whether or not the object was reflecting sunlight. Concerning size he said that no estimate could be made.

Mr. Takanashi, upon receipt of the letter, comments and photo, recalled that he had seen a similar photo, then remembered that it was the alleged photo of the Pegasus satellite taken by Astronaut James McDivitt on June 4, 1965 from the Gemini spacecraft. Takanashi says that even though the official release identifies the elliptical-shaped object as Pegasus, he is not convinced. Mr. Takanashi concludes that in submitting this report to the APRO staff some answers or at least suggestions might be forthcoming. If members at large have any comments or suggestions they can be addressed to APRO Headquarters in Tucson and they will be relayed via air mail to Mr. Takanashi.

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heard the voices again, and then the door closed, and moved out to become flush with the outside of the object. Although he knew the doors had been there, he said, when they closed there was no evidence of an opening or seam. He noted that this was true of the whole machine—no seams or rivets were visible.

Mr. Michalak then reached out and touched the machine, his canvas, rubber-coated glove melting and slipping off the surface. As he looked down at the glove, the machine began to move in a counter-clockwise direction and he was blown to the left by a blast of hot air or exhaust which set his clothes afire. He received a minor burn on his face, but second and third degree burns on his chest. The machine then took off in the direction from which it had come.

The welding goggles worn by Michalak were the type which can be flipped up and out of the way, or down over the viewer's eyes. Immediately after the sighting Michalak put his gear into his briefcase and headed back for the highway. He felt dizzy on several occasions. He was treated at Misericordia Hospital for chest burns, and released. After he arrived in town he called the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Falcon and told them what had happened and they said "they could do nothing about it." It was then he decided not to tell anyone about the experience and when he subsequently went to the hospital for treatment he told the doctor who attended him that he had been burned by airplane exhaust.

Mrs. Michalak is one of those who noted her husband's odd condition at the outset. He could not keep food on his stomach, was nauseated and vomiting and had a strange odor about him which "seemed to come from inside." When he began to eat and accommodate food at about the fourth day, it seemed to "go right through him," he seemed to derive no nourishment from it and he lost a total of about 22 pounds.

Blood counts were taken, and the lymphosite count was down considerably below normal. Another blood test registered a below normal reading but doctors said it was not as important as the lymphosite count. Considerable difficulty has been encountered in obtaining exact details of these tests, unfortunately. Press reports in Canadian papers (this incident did not reach the American press to our knowledge) quoted one doctor who minimized Mr. Michalak's symptoms and the burns.

A curious characteristic of the burns on Michalak's chest was their arrangement in a checkerboard pattern. Some squares were marked with dots, others were not.

Mr. Michalak is a 50-year-old man, born in Poland. He speaks English well but with a heavy accent. He works as an

industrial mechanic and makes a comfortable salary. Checks into his background and several lengthy interviews indicate that he is a stable, serious and dependable individual.

Mr. James B. Thompson of Winnipeg initiated the investigation on behalf of APRO, assisted by Edward Barker and Brian Cannon. Mr. Thompson did an exceptionally thorough documentation of the incident, and forwarded Mr. Michalak's glove, with which he touched the UAO, and a piece of the burned shirt to APRO early in the investigation. The latter are undergoing tests to determine whether they contain any sort of residue which would support Michalak's claims. Mr. Thompson also worked closely with Dr. Craig of the University of Colorado's UFO Committee during his investigation. Thompson has been to the general area of the landing at least twice, but Michalak had difficulty finding the exact location. It was finally found on about the 24th of June, soil samples were taken and further information on this incident will be contained in a future issue.

**Strange Lights Over Mts.**

Two "very bright goldish colored lights" were observed over the Vaca Mountains northwest of Vacaville, California at 9:30 P.M. on the 25th of April. Observers were two sheriff's deputies and five firemen. The lights were first spotted by deputies Belfiore and Shippey at 9:30 P.M. Fireman James Coats and Lt. Don Powers who were notified, looked toward the Vaca mountain and spotted the bright light "just over the towers." Firemen Robert Powell, Samosis and Robin Wood also saw it. The brilliant object seemed steady for a time and then it began to move and was gone "in an instant" while they looked away. Deputies Belfiore and Shippey went to a ridge near Vacaville and reported that they could see one object, then again reported (by radio) that they had a second under observation. Belfiore said one of the objects appeared to have landed near Joslin Lane. When interviewed, Coats said the group first thought the object was a light on the radio towers, but realizing it was too bright and the wrong color (golden). They thought it was a car's headlights, but it was too bright for them to entertain that thought very long.

**UAO In Idaho**

Jack Daines, 40-year-old truck driver from Gooding, Idaho, was driving on Highway 46 about 16 miles north of Gooding at 1:00 P.M., on 17 April when he looked up a draw while going up a steep hill. Through the open window of his truck, he saw a gray object which appeared to be 15 feet in diameter, and 30 to 40 feet above the ground, traveling along the draw at an estimated 100 miles per hour. It appeared to be  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles distant and he only observed it for about 10 seconds.

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shot up towards the zenith. The women watched it there for five minutes before it disappeared into a break in the cloud cover. Estimated total sighting: 10 minutes. Mr. Manhood was called out before the object disappeared, but by then it was a tiny thing in the sky which he thought was a balloon. Later he decided that from the description given by his wife and her sister as well as their excitement that they had actually seen an unusual object. The complete description included the object's resemblance to "a big plate about the size of a small airplane" which made a "weird humming sound." Its closest approach was an estimated 100 feet and its altitude about that of the tops of the trees.

**BALMORAL, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA,** 7 April 1967. Kenneth Perry, Bob Keller and Trevor Bloomfield (19, 30 and 20 respectively) were "spotlighting" on the property of Alex McLennan on the night of the 7th of April when they had an eerie and frightening experience with a large light. The light was described as white and six to eight feet in diameter with a big red light on top of it and a smaller flickering light above that. Kenneth had used the spotlight to try to signal the object which they had seen for three nights previous to their adventure of the 7th. To their horror, the light came straight toward them and as it neared the ground it caused a large cloud of dust although no noise was heard. The light, after raising the cloud of dust, stayed in one position for about 15 seconds, then shot back to where it had been. At the same time the young men said they had a strange feeling as if their backs had gone cold and as if someone was "squeezing your head in."

**LIER, BELGIUM,** 10 April 1967. At 8:57 P.M., a barber and his wife were called to their daughter's home where she reported she had seen a UFO. The night was cold, there were some clouds and stars and the moon was visible. Under the moon a large oval object hovered, giving off a reddish glow. Shortly, two small bell-shaped red objects came (apparently) out of the top of the large one; they were approximately one-sixth the size of the largest object. Both headed north, circled round to the "mother" ship, got into formation with it and then all three disappeared as if a light had been switched off. Investigation of the incident and the witnesses by Edgar Simon indicate that the witnesses are all reliable.

**BALMORAL, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA,** 13 April 1967. The three young men involved in an incident with a light on the 7th of April, reported that they had a similar experience on the 13th in a slightly different location except that the object in question actually landed, whereupon the viewers left the vicinity. The Horsham, Victoria "Mail-Times" reports that others in the vicinity have

now had experiences with the huge light.

**DEVON, BRIXHAM, ENGLAND,** 28 April 1967. Researchers are wondering if Coast Guard personnel at this location obtained photographs of the huge, cone-shaped object which hovered at 15,000 feet for more than an hour on the 28th. Coast Guard Brian Jenkins said that he was able to make a detailed drawing of the object which he showed to an air marshal who called at the station for the object a few days after the sighting. A conventional aircraft approached the object during the sighting, circled it, then flew away. The object appeared to revolve slowly and some sort of door could be seen in its side. Scores of civilians located along the Devon Coast reported observing the object, and telephoned police. The object was seen from noon until 1 P.M. Announcements by the Ministry of Defense seem almost as enigmatic as the object: The Ministry first denied that it had ever received a report, but later a spokesman said: "Further inquiries reveal that we did receive a report but somehow it was not logged." . . . "we can only suggest that the object may have been a reflection of car headlights or some sort of meteorological phenomena. I cannot comment further."

A senior RAF controller at Plymouth told the press that "we reported all the details. I cannot tell you where the aircraft came from and you will have a job to get anyone to admit that one was sent up. I understand the UFO was also tracked by radar." Chief officer Harry Johnson, a spokesman at the Coast Guard station at Berry Head, Brixham, said: "It's just laughable for anyone to suggest to a body of highly-trained observers that this was the reflection of car headlights. It was midday. The object was obviously made of something very highly polished, and reflected the sunlight almost like a star." Jenkins said that the vice-marshal who viewed his drawing said: "Most interesting."

**BANGKOK, THAILAND.** On or about the 21st of May 1967. Navy Lt. Kriangvud Ratanavarine, returning to Bangkok from a training cruise in the Gulf of Thailand, reported that a strange light in the form of a quivering, luminous mass, hovered about 20 feet from his boat and disappeared after five minutes.

**DA NANG, VIETNAM,** 11 June 1967. U. S. military personnel at the big Da Nang base reported seeing a cylindrical, silver-colored object over the base. F-102 Delta-Dagger jets were sent up but the pilots were unable to locate the object, according to the press. The Air Force declined to comment. The Bulletin hopes to present more information on this incident as it comes in from members in South Vietnam.

**HEIDELBERG, GERMANY,** 26 January 1967. At 2030 hours (8:30 P.M.) the teenage daughter of a Lt. Colonel residing in an apartment building on a U. S. Army Base, was drawn from her home

work by a "pulsating" sound. She told her father, they looked out the window and saw a dirigible-shaped object about 50-60 feet long hovering motionless about 150 feet above the ground directly over a small vehicle shed about 100 feet from their location. Before long a crowd of 50-60 people had gathered outside the apartment building to watch the thing. Some observers used binoculars, said it was constructed of shiny metal and displayed lights which alternated red, green and blue colors. During the 15-20 minutes the object was observed, an observer telephoned local military police who in turn contacted a local AFB at Sembach. As soon as the roar of jets were heard, the object's lights increased in intensity, and moved rapidly away. During flight the lights would increase in intensity, go out, then come back on, repeating this cycle.

**MANAWATU, NEW ZEALAND,** 30 May 1967. At about 7:45 P.M. two men in a car proceeding 8 miles southwest of Palmerston North sighted an orange fluorescent mushroom-shaped object which was at first stationary and then moving ahead of them from left to right across the highway. The driver slowed his car and the two men kept the object in sight from 10 to 12 minutes. They estimated the object as being about a half mile ahead and at one time prior to its rapid departure into the sky, as being only about 20 feet above the ground. A group of Palmerston North residents were drinking tea at about the same time when they heard a "high pitched humming" followed by a "terrific swishing noise." When they looked outside they saw nothing. Two aircrew personnel at Ohakea AFB (15 air miles west-northwest) heard "a high humming sound" at about 7:45 P.M. and when they rushed outside they saw a brilliant orange "flashy streak" which was visible only for a couple of seconds.

## UAO In Arkansas

On the 27th of April, Ken Kesterson, co-owner and manager of a radio station in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, sighted an unidentified object with blue lights which appeared to come from windows in the bottom of the object, at 10:44 P.M. The object approached Pine Bluff from the northwest and became stationary slightly west of the center of the sky. Kesterson had three other witnesses to the incident, and immediately called his station, KCLA, and told his announcer to tell about it on the air and alert the city. As soon as the announcement was made the lights on the object went out and it disappeared.

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### This Is A Hoax

The above photograph was made by suspending a paper bowl on strings close to the camera. It will be noted that this photo closely resembles one taken in Zanesville, Ohio in November, 1966 and published in the January-February issue of the Bulletin. The contributor felt (as we do) that members should be aware of just how easy it is to fake a photograph of a UFO.

### Car Buzzing Incidents On Increase

We go back in our voluminous files to January of 1967 and list some of the outstanding cases, many of which involved unconventional aerial objects which demonstrate a singular affinity for automobiles:

In early January, Robert Blaine of Villard, Minnesota, was on his way to Kensington to attend the Villard-Kensington basketball game. Riding with him were Mrs. James Galvin, wife of the Villard basketball coach, Billy Smith and three of Blaine's children, all youngsters ranging from 7 to 13 years. At about 7:30 P.M., 2 miles east of Farwell on Highway 55, the engine of Blaine's 1964 car died and the lights went out. To his left Blaine spotted an orange flash at about the level of the hood, then tiny beads of lights crossed in front of the windshield. Mrs. Galvin also said she saw an orange and red flash go by the driver's side of the car at about the level of the window. The car coasted for some distance, then the engine and lights came on again without warning or aid. Blaine initially thought a short had started the trouble, was startled when the engine started again by itself, and inspected the car under a street light in Farwell. There had been no trouble with the car before that night and there has been none since. Blaine admitted he was

startled and that because of his fear he didn't attempt to investigate the light.

Larry Burke, Dick Makens, Junior Edinger and Charles Warren of McIntosh, South Dakota, encountered four strange lights over the road near McIntosh on the 12th of March. Burke initially saw a strange object with red, white and green flashing lights southwest of McIntosh, at 7:15 P.M., then picked up his friends to go investigate it. On a country road a mile west of the town they saw four lights low over the road ahead of them. As they proceeded up a hill their car engine stopped. Frightened, they coasted backward down the hill, the car started again and they drove into McIntosh and brought the sheriff back. Nothing was found, however. The boys disagreed on the proximity of the lights, but all agreed that they were blinding and a fluorescent green. The size, shape and altitude of the lights was a subject of disagreement, also. The boys' estimates ranged from 5 or 6 feet altitude up to 200 feet, some thought they were round, others triangular, and one boy got the feeling they were on something huge which was "towering over them." Sheriff Kittleson said Makens was definitely shaken up when he came to report the incident. This sighting brought the report from Rev. Terry Nelson that he and others saw an object with red, white and green flashing lights flying parallel to the highway between Morristown and McIntosh while on the way to conduct a class in Morristown on the same night.

Wilbur Daniels, 37, of Ohiopyle, Pennsylvania, claims that on the 17th of March he and his wife Janet watched a light which appeared to be following their car for the distance of a mile at an altitude of 100 feet. Several neighbors allegedly also saw the object as it perched over the Daniels home for about five minutes shortly before 8 P.M. The object they said, was round and orange like it was on fire.

On the evening of the 21st of March at about one mile west of Hillsboro, Kansas, near U. S. 56, Miss Mary Beth Neufeld of Lehigh and several friends, were attracted by a brilliant light. They were interested as it was a cloudy night and no stars were visible. For a lark, they started toward it, whereupon it flashed and began moving toward them. They described it as flat like a pancake "like an upside-down cup on a saucer." The object caught up with them, hovered over the car which "started rocking real bad." The engine reportedly stalled and they couldn't get it to start again. After the object left they got the engine started, and went into Hillsboro to report the incident.

March 24 was the date when Air Force Staff Sergeant Johnny Ferguson, stationed at Vandenberg AFB, California, and en route to Memphis, Tennessee to visit his parents, experienced a "UFO chase" in the company of his wife and three children. The family was traveling by

car on an FM Highway in the vicinity of Loco, Texas, at 5:30 A.M. He pulled his car to the side of the road in order to consult a road map and noticed a red light which he first thought was on a vehicle. As it approached, however, he noted that it made no noise. It first appeared to be "about 8 inches in diameter" but as it closed the distance between itself and the car it grew in size until it was as wide as the road. At that point Ferguson decided to depart and as he drove, the object followed him. At times he was attaining speeds as high as 100 miles per hour in his attempt to escape the thing. He noted that the object followed the terrain of the country, going down with the dips and up over the knolls. It was gaining on his car when he approached a farm house, then it split into two separate lights and disappeared in the sky at a high rate of speed.

Ferguson then drove into Wellington, Texas where they notified officers of their experience. On the following Monday, Air Force investigators Col. Hallmark and Lt. Nicholson of Altus Air Force Base arrived in Wellington, and with Sgt. and Mrs. Ferguson, proceeded to the area of the chase. Sheriff's Deputy Hooten told the press that no report was disclosed concerning the investigation but that the Altus team seemed to be "open-minded" about it.

At Mangum, Oklahoma on the 28th of April E. A. Griffith reported to state highway patrolmen that his auto had been chased by a silent object with flashing lights. He said he first thought the object was a helicopter but decided that could not be the explanation as the object made no noise. The craft either beamed a light down upon his car, he said, or its lights illuminated it. One state trooper interviewed a farm family who said they saw the object above the car but could not make out a shape because of the darkness. The chase lasted only a few minutes, and the object disappeared into the night at about 8:30 P.M.

At Monroe, N. C., on the 28th of April, 20-year-old Dennis Whitley claimed a "big, white light" shaped like an umbrella on top "with crystals on top of it" pursued his car as he returned home from a church meeting. Whitley said there was no sound from the object which he first spotted above the road ahead of him. He tried to get "its attention by blinking my lights . . . then it seemed to lock in on the road or my car." Then it began to follow his car, he reported, at 45 to 50 miles per hour making the same curves he did. It shortly began to turn from white to orange coming closer to the road as if it were going to land, he said. Whitley claimed he stopped his car once but was too frightened to get out. When he reached home his mother also saw the object which she described as "orange" and it hovered near the house for about 30 minutes. A neighbor of the Whitleys,

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George W. Hilton, claimed he and his wife saw the object as he left the Celanese plant in Rock Hill. Hilton did not report it to the police until he learned of Whitley's experience because he was afraid of ridicule.

*At Arnett, Oklahoma* on May 7, Jerry Luck, a junior at Arnett High School was driving home at night. He passed in front of a high school located in open farming country about a mile from his home. He looked to the west and spotted a large white light, later determined to be about the size of a dime held at arm's length. As he continued on his way the object moved toward his car. It had been at about 40 degrees elevation when he first saw it, but as it approached it became parallel with his car. When Luck reached home he rushed inside and informed his parents who came outside. The object hovered for a few minutes, then put on a burst of speed, moved into the west and out of sight. The light was white, Jerry said, and round and he got the distinct impression that it was solid.

Michael Campeadore, 24, a resident of National City, California, reported to officials at St. George, Utah, on the morning of May 13, that an amber-colored circular object with dome-shaped top had buzzed his car at 1:43 A.M. that morning just 17 miles west of St. George. Campeadore, en route to Salt Lake City to attend the funeral of his grandmother, said he heard a strange, loud humming sound and at first thought it was a truck trying to pass so he moved over, but he could not see any lights in his rear view mirror. He then put on his brakes, and jumped out. The object, which he estimated to be 40-50 feet in diameter was hovering over his head at an altitude of 25-35 feet. Campeadore, thoroughly frightened, reached into his car, got his .25 caliber pistol, injected a clip of ammunition and began firing. He said he heard the bullets hit and ricochet as if they had struck metal. At this point the object accelerated and left at high speed.

Bobby Grant, 17, Joseph Romero, 18 and Johnny Sanchez of Albuquerque were driving on Atrisco Ave. north of Central Ave. in Albuquerque, New Mexico at 10:15 P.M. on May 26 when they spotted a white light approaching from behind. The light darted back and forth across the road and they at first thought it was the lights from a car being driven by a drunk. When the object got above the car it kept their speed and hovered, whereupon the engine and lights died. The three boys said they jumped out of the car and as they looked up the object flew away into the southwest at high speed. All three said there was no sound connected with the object.

## Lorenzen At Symposium

On April 29, 1967, the Arizona Academy of Science began a three-day conclave in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Tucson. The first item on the agenda was a panel discussion of UFOs. The panelists were L. J. Lorenzen, James MacDonald and Gerard Kuiper.

Lorenzen spoke first. His subject was: "UFOs—A Growing Problem." Using detailed accounts of the Trindade Island and Socorro, New Mexico cases for purposes of demonstration, he showed that the UFO problem continues to grow because (1) an official military program downgrades it; (2) prominent scientists continually discount its importance and (3) religious cultists, however sincere, bring ridicule upon the subject.

Lorenzen was followed by MacDonald. In his contribution entitled "A Masterpiece of Public Misinformation" he first endorsed in essence the substance of Lorenzen's talk, then proceeded to develop his theme of military mishandling of the UFO situation. His whole approach smacked of over-simplification but this could be laid to speaking-time limitations or the fact that his personal study of UFOs is only about a year old. It seemed generally that he had assumed the traditional Keyhoe-NICAP role of focusing public attention on Project Bluebook. He, however, took exception to the "massive cover-up" theme, feeling (strongly) that there is only a "massive foul-up."

As an aside, let it be noted editorially that, although MacDonald questions APRO's objectivity (largely because of our heavy reliance on foreign representatives such as Fontes) he is philosophically where the Bulletin stood approximately ten years ago and, unless he gets over-involved in his role of public advocate we may soon see his approach acquire more depth.

Kuiper, in his turn, spoke on "UFOs, a Long Way Out." His whole demeanor suggested that he was merely there as a matter of courtesy to discuss what to him was a lot of unfortunate nonsense. At times it was difficult to determine which side of the question he was arguing. For example, he told how he had pursued areas of study during his younger years which were very unpopular but that time had vindicated his interest.

Apparently this was not intended as a general illustration but a specific one: i.e., when Kuiper has an opinion, it is usually right. Others of his points seemed equally unconvincing. For example: "Who would finance such a project? We have trouble getting to the moon," and, "If they are from another planet, what are they doing in the New Mexico desert, why aren't they looking at New York?"

In a short question and answer period Joseph Nininger made the point that a

vast difference often exists between information gained "in the field" and that which appears in literature.

In the summation, Mr. Lorenzen had the last word. He summed up as follows: "The existence of UFO reports in ever-increasing numbers, whether they are based on fact or rumor, is important enough to warrant an objective investigation. Those individuals who utilize position and prestige to advocate against such an investigation, by making the subject one of disrepute and ridicule, do humanity an extreme disservice.

"When we, in the name of Science, allow accepted theory and personal bias to be used as the basis for setting aside empirical evidence, we are abandoning science in favor of a pseudo-scientific personality cult.

"The body of extant evidence suggests two alternatives: (a) Either we have uninvited aliens as our guests or (b) the human race has acquired an insidious psychological disease which is assuming epidemic proportion. If past trends and cycles continue, September 1967 will bring the biggest UFO flap in history.

History shows us that in any cultural confrontation, the inferior party comes out the loser. Although he may gain technical know-how, the basic tenets of his world picture lose their validity and his culture crumbles.

"From the general standpoint of public attitude we are about where we were in 1952 . . . which is to say that the negative contributions of the C.I.A., Robertson Committee, Dr. Donald Menzel and the Bluebook-NICAP controversy are only now being overcome.

"With a 15-year lag to compensate for, we are barely keeping even.

"I have confidence that, given enough time, our scientific community will prove equal to the problem—the Condon Committee study at the University of Colorado being a step in the right direction; but the nature of the problem is such that we may not be given enough time . . ."

## UAO Near Great Falls

One of the more outstanding sightings of UFOs during the March "flap" involved the sighting of Ken Williams, a Laurel, Montana truck driver, who was driving a fully loaded car carrier toward Great Falls late on Friday, the 24th. He spotted the brilliant object in a gulch near Belt Hill. He flagged down a car, asked the occupants to notify the Highway Patrol. A patrolman came out and viewed the object also, which seemed to increase its light intensity as it neared the ground. The object was described by all as dome-shaped and brilliant white in color. It was hovering in an area inaccessible by roads.

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### Boys Snap Photos Near Stanford University

At about 4 P.M., on Thursday, February 2, two boys, Seth Morrell and Tommy Politzer of Stanford, California, claim they saw and photographed an object near their home. They had arrived home from school, were playing outside when they saw the object approaching them from the northeast. Seth went inside his home and got a camera, and when he came back he took three photos after which the object moved away out of sight beyond some trees. A friend of the boys came along, they took photos of each other and the friend went on his way. Shortly the object came into view again, from the northeast, moving rapidly in a southwesterly direction. The boys had time to take just one other photo (their last) before it left.

The two boys described the object as round, silvery and with "a hole in the middle, sort of like a doughnut, and windows all around the edge." They also noted two bright lights which blinked on and off several times. Both thought the object was at least as big as "a four-engine jet." In attempting to describe the noise made by the object, they used words such as humming, whirring, buzzing, whining, etc.

Both boys were questioned by Mrs. Politzer, who is convinced that they actually saw and photographed the object, three exposures of which are presented on this page. The color negatives were received at APRO Headquarters, where they are being studied. Mrs. Politzer learned about the photos some time after they were taken, and recalls that her son Tommy had mentioned seeing a UFO, but she had paid little attention to it, as she was preoccupied at the time. Despite the good attribution and background of the boys, it has been pointed out that the object in the photograph strongly resembles an ordinary automobile wheel cover.

See photos on this page.

### Eerie Object In Graveyard

The following is one of several cases of UAOs observed at low altitude in the vicinity of graveyards: On May 7 Ricky Banyard, 14, was going to his home in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, when he saw a strange object. It seemed to be projecting a beam of light downward and he followed it for several blocks, until it disappeared over the Allendale district. Ricky then resumed his walk home and was on the front doorstep for the second time (about 2 A.M.) when he saw the object again and went to his friend Glenn Coates' house and told him about it. The boys got out binoculars and watched the object for some time, then Glenn had to go home and Ricky continued to watch. Ricky lives across the street from the Mount Pleasant Cemetery and it was to this location that he finally followed it. He claimed he hid under some trees for quite some time (he was not sure just how long) and



watched as the object, which resembled two bowls joined together rim to rim, hovered, and making a whistling noise, beamed a light to the ground. It appeared to be about 200 feet altitude and 50 feet away from the Banyard boy.

Ricky told investigators and the press later that the beam of light spread downward, striking the ground and making a white, as though white hot, rectangular area on the ground. When he stepped out from under the trees for a better look the light disappeared and he heard a screaming noise like a jet starting up, the lights on the object went out and there were about seven or eight "bangs" and the object took off.

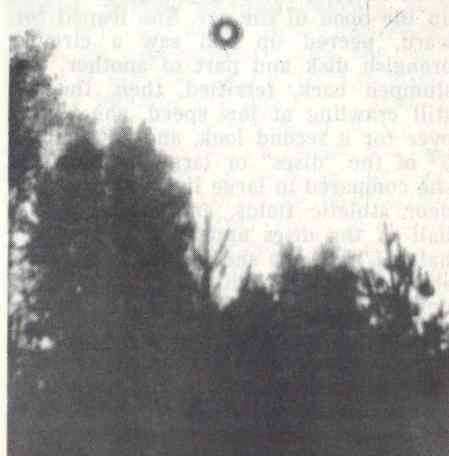
Later in the day after Ricky reported the incident, an inspection of the cemetery yielded several rectangular-shaped black streaks along the sand-gravel roads leading among the graves. Cinder-like rocks in these areas and pebbles seemed to be charred, but none of the grass areas or trees appeared to have been harmed. Joseph Laforge, the cemetery foreman, could not explain the marks, but sug-

gested that a grader went over the roads on Saturday and may have exposed some of the cinder base under the gravel. He then pointed to two other large black marks and said, "I don't know about them—they look pretty unusual." He said he couldn't account for the black marks on the stones — explaining that no oil is used on the cemetery roads.

When the object finally departed it was almost daylight and Ricky got a good look at it. He made a sketch and showed it to several others who claimed they had also observed the light and the beam it projected.

### Yellow Disc In Tucson

An architectural designer, a resident of Tucson, Arizona, watched a "parachute-shaped object" for about 3½ to 4 minutes at 9:55 P.M. on 21 April. The witness was looking due north. Witness' mother spotted the object first, called the attention of her daughter, who stopped the car and both got out to watch. The object was rounded on top, flat on the bottom, had a shaft of light extending upwards from the rounded section which seemed to form a "handle" wagging from right to left as the thing tipped and swayed, approaching the ground in an approximate 30 degree angle and "sort of bouncing." It seemed to have landed in the vicinity of the Rillito River. The two women drove to the top of Skyline Country Club Estates in an attempt to see a glow or some indication of where the object had landed, but found nothing. There was no sound. Upon arriving home, witness called newspapers, there were no other reports. She then called Major Rush at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base who was not in, and talked to another man. He said there had been four reports since 8:00 P.M. that evening and that the tower had informed him the objects were merely meteors. The witness asked him what kind of meteors floated to earth, whereupon the man became somewhat confused and said that these were his instructions from the tower.



## Landed UAO Photographed

Initial information regarding photographs obtained by the Air Force from two youngsters at North San Juan, California, indicates that the boys, Tony Spurill and John Bradshaw of that town, saw an unconventional disc-shaped object on the ground and photographed it on June 2. The location of the sighting is within a few minutes walk of the town of North San Juan, at the site of abandoned hydraulic diggings. Lt. Joseph Kinderman of Beale Air Force Base declined to tell the press anything about the photos, saying that they saw "something" and photographed it.

A 27-year-old rancher, who is a close friend of the boys' parents, Fred Langdon, claims he saw the photographs before they were acquired by the Air Force and described the incident and photos thusly: The boys were playing with a new camera near the North San Juan rifle range, looked over into the diggings, saw the object on the ground, and photographed it. He said the photos are "big and clear" pictures, and the object, which resembled "a cavalry hat" made a large, 6 by 6 foot boulder located nearby, "look like a pebble" in comparison. The object took off shortly after the boys photographed it, making a "whistling" sound. Initial investigation by Dr. James Harder indicates Langdon's description exaggerated-object was probably about 30-35 feet in diameter. Further details and, hopefully, the photos, will be presented at a later date.

## Sightings Over Hawaii

What amounted to a small "flap" took place on the 21st and 26th of April in Hilo, Hawaii. We have Mrs. DiEtta Cunningham to thank for extremely detailed reports on the incidents which we unfortunately must abbreviate for lack of space:

On the 21st at 6:15 A.M., a lady resident of Hilo was returning from driving her husband to work. She had stopped at a stop sign on the main highway into Hilo (husband works in Papaiko, 4 miles from Hilo) when a bright glare flashed on the hood of the car. She leaned forward, peered up and saw a circular orangish disk and part of another. She slumped back, terrified, then, the car still crawling at low speed, she leaned over for a second look, and saw "about 5" of the "discs" or large lights which she compared to large lights around outdoor athletic fields, and on the upper half of the discs appeared a very thin halo of light. As she continued to drive she saw a long, thin orange fiery cloud dead ahead above the highway. It appeared to spin on its longitudinal axis and moved slightly to the left of her field of view. Higher, and to the right she spotted a huge grey cloud and hanging from its she saw a greenish object with the appearance of a "bent snake."

After she viewed the pencil-like cloud, she didn't see the "disks" any more, and after spotting the grey cloud, she didn't see the pencil-like apparition; it seemed that she was watching a tableau of sorts. The next and last object appeared slightly to the right of the highway, was a "sleek-appearing ship" which was greyish-green and looked metallic. Its outline was sharp against the blue sky. Two windows appeared in the side of the "ship" and fiery reddish-orange light came from them. The rear of the ship gave off blue smoke and short bursts of red flame. She watched this "ship" for 35 seconds before it moved left out of her field of view (going west), appearing to elongate as it moved. Realizing she was alone on the road, the witness became terrified and she left the scene.

On the same date at 6:30 A.M. at Milolii, another housewife, 30, saw a pale yellow object crossing the sky at about 30 degrees elevation in the northwest. It passed behind some trees, reappeared, then disappeared in the distance. Object also seen by companion. Also at Milolii, but a quarter of a mile offshore in a boat, a fisherman observed the same object at the same time. Directions correspond with woman's sighting from Milolii.

At 6:00 A.M., the family dog at the Aki residence near Milolii attracted Mrs. Aki's attention. She heard a swishing noise and looked up at the sky and saw an orange round object moving in the direction of Milolii. She was terrified and ran into the house. She described the object as larger than the full moon and "like the sun."

On Wednesday, the 26th of April at 9:15 A.M. Ed Shirley, U. S. Air Traffic controller (employed 8 years in this position) at Hilo, Hawaii, received a call from the police department asking him to look for an object in the sky. He sighted the object, described as 5 times the apparent size of Venus, then watched it through 7-power binoculars. It was first seen in the south-southeast at an estimated elevation of 15 degrees, passed to the west of the tower over the city of Hilo and disappeared at approximately 80 degrees. The movement was steady. Through the binoculars it appeared as a large body with a cross or plus sign comprised of two bars of lights intersecting each other superimposed on it.

This object was also viewed by Mr. Roy Sodetani, meteorological technician (20 years experience), on the ground outside the Hilo airport tower. He first sighted the object at 30 degrees elevation in the south-southeast, said it passed nearly overhead and vanished from sight about 65 degrees elevation in the north-northwest; duration of sighting 3 minutes. To the naked eye, Sodetani said the object had the appearance of a very bright star, but through the theodolite, which he used, it appeared as a series of overlapping rings through which stars showed, intersected by a "plus sign"

made up of individual lights. His experience indicated to him that this object moved too quickly to be a balloon, and that the wind direction was not correct to carry it if it had been a balloon.

Another sighting by a couple living in Hilo was made at about the same time but involved an object with a pink and blue globe under which was an orange globe, out of the bottom of which protruded two objects which appeared to be chrome legs. Duration of the sightings: 15 minutes. No sound. Object approached from the east, first sighted at 15 degrees elevation. It moved west and then north, then west, gaining altitude. It vanished from sight at about 15 degrees elevation. The description indicates this could have been the same object seen by Sodetani and Shirley, but from a different location.

## Hovering Object In Iowa

On the evening of May 2nd at about 8:25 P.M., Dennis Latcham, 19, of rural Montezuma, Iowa, was plowing without lights. He spotted a large, oval-shaped object which he estimated to be less than a quarter mile from his tractor. It was hovering and displayed four red blinking lights. He later described the object as having a gray, misty appearance which was clearly visible in the moonlight. The red lights seemed to be blinking in rotation and there was one constant white light on top of the object. Dennis continued to plow, keeping an eye on the object at every opportunity, until 8:45 when he finished the field. The object appeared to remain in the same location. He then drove to the driveway at the edge of the field about 500 yards from the area where the craft appeared to be located, shut off the tractor to see if he could hear anything, but there was no sound. He then began to walk up the road toward the object, decided against it and went back to his tractor. He watched it for 10 or 15 minutes more, after which the object rose straight into the air, then angled west, climbing rapidly. His parents, interviewed later, said Dennis' shirt was soaked with perspiration when he came home despite the chilly evening air. He admitted that he was frightened by the presence of the object.

## More On The North Dade Incident

Subsequent to the issuance of the March-April Bulletin, Dr. Irving Lillien and Mr. Arthur Breast of Miami contacted the principals in the sightings on April 6, 7 and 8 at Crestview Elementary School and forwarded additional information. Sketches obtained from pupils at the school show much similarity one to another.

Crestview Elementary school is 4 miles  
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northeast of the Opa-Locka airport which is the location of Coast Guard, Navy and FAA installations, 10 miles northeast of Miami, Florida, International Airport, 4 miles north of North Perry airport and 9 miles southwest of Broward International Airport. There is a huge concentration of radio transmitter towers in the general area north of Crestview and several towers immediately to the east and west of the school. At Carol City, about 3 miles to the west-southwest is a large Nike missile station. A high tension power line runs quite close by, less than a half mile from Crestview.

Unfortunately we must abbreviate Dr. Lillien's very complete report, just touching on the main facts, and occasionally noting his observations, one of which is that "The sightings at Crestview may prove to be among the most important recorded since the objects were seen by over 200 children and adults for prolonged periods of time over a period of several days in broad daylight."

Dr. Lillien carefully checked atmospheric and astronomical conditions and ruled out associated phenomena. He also pointed out that in an area where there is a proliferation of ordinary sky objects such as planes, helicopters and even an occasional blimp, the witnesses were ABSOLUTELY SURE that the phenomena they observed was completely unlike anything they had been before.

The first sighting took place on the 6th of April, and was made by 33-year-old Robert Apfal, a teacher at Crestview, and several students. Apfal was not familiar with UFO lore prior to his sighting. At 12:45 on the 6th he and six students were outside a portable classroom in the Crestview yard facing northeast. They spotted an aluminum-appearing, slightly reflective ellipsoid which Apfal described as two lenses back to back with no markings, lights or details. It appeared stationary, about 60 feet above the ground over a telephone pole about a mile away, the "size of a 50c piece at arm's length." It disappeared suddenly as they watched, no sound, air movement, shadows or other related phenomena were observed.

At about 8:30 the next morning Mr. Apfal was arriving at his classroom when some of the children, some excited, crying or hysterical, said they had seen something. Apfal calmed the class, had them sketch what they had seen. The drawings generally agreed with one another, depicting a turreted structure among the tops of the trees. These were later turned over to investigators from Homestead Air Force Base. The only disagreement concerning description was in the "antenna" on the turret. All agreed there was one object, it "flipped" and appeared to land on the trees. No sound, no markings. The object appeared to be at a distance of 150-200 yards in the field directly north of the school.

This object also disappeared while it was being watched.

Apfal was not involved in subsequent sightings that day, in fact he pulled the blinds in his classroom when it was learned that there was another sighting.

The next series of sightings was witnessed by school teachers and apparently by women in the area, both groups reluctant to be interviewed. Despite his attempts Dr. Lillien was not able to contact the teachers or the women and merely questioned the children. However, parents of some of the students who saw the object said they knew of other adults who had witnessed the object. At 9:45 A.M. Andy Cohen, 12, one of those interviewed by Dr. Lillien, was in his classroom. Some girls rushed in, said "flying saucers" were being watched and along with the others, Andy ran outside. Several classes were outside milling around, looking to the north beyond the school fence. Teachers were trying to get the children to line up in an orderly manner. Andy did not see anything immediately, then spotted four cigar-shaped objects with white lights on each end. One hovered over trees, then went down behind them, then took off again. Another came straight across the sky, going up and down (wavy motion). Another seemed to be chasing an airplane. When they left they went off at an angle and just disappeared. Most children described the objects as white, Cohen claimed there was one white, one black, one red and one silver object. There were no markings, portholes, domes or other lights; the objects did not change shape nor did the lights at the end change in intensity. There was no sound. Although several children called the newspaper after school that day, it was Andy Cohen's call that alerted the Miami newspaper and resulted in the initial press coverage.

Jimmy Hummel, 11, another witness was also in class when he heard other children talking about the objects outside. He went out, but unlike the Cohen boy, he saw only one object: oval in shape and white with no markings, protrusions, etc., and no lights. Jimmy said the object he saw moved up, then down behind the trees; he got the impression it was hiding at times.

Joe Cornblitt, 11, also was attracted outside by other children, and when he got outside he saw a white, silvery oval-shaped object above the trees. He said it changed to a dot and then disappeared. He saw the same or similar object later low and among the trees. He never saw two objects at the same time, and he, like Hummel, thought the objects were the size of a car.

Linda McCleary, 9, described generally what the Hummel and Cornblitt boys and her brother John, described, but with a projection underneath, and a "hub-cap-shaped thing" on top. John McCleary was the only one to notice the reflection of the sunlight off the objects. He said

he saw four of the things "milling around amongst the trees," circling, whipping around in fast, jerky motions. They would come back, land, go behind the trees, etc. Another witness interviewed was Jill Mires, age 11, whose story generally corroborates the aforementioned ones.

After word of the morning's sightings got out, many went to the field. One of those interviewed was Anita Lungari, 12, who happened to be going by at 3:30 P.M. when she saw a "flash" above the trees in the field which appeared and disappeared and seemed to stay in one area.

On Saturday, April 8, some 30-40 people including John Wolf had a sighting at the same general location and descriptions match the foregoing ones (see also the March-April Bulletin).

One week later, the wife of a local newspaper columnist who has been a reporter and licensed sailplane pilot, observed a metallic-appearing cigar-shaped (long and slim—unlike a blimp) object without protrusions, sound, markings, etc. while driving on Key Biscayne. It seemed to disappear. It appeared to be large and high, at least 5,000 feet. It was seen again for about one minute, after which it again disappeared.

Dr. Lillien concludes: "It is quite evident that a real, unconventional occurrence was witnessed by a large number of people of various ages in broad daylight for prolonged periods of time."

## Huge Cigar Viewed By Ex-Air Force Man

One of the many good sightings in Connecticut during the early part of 1967 was made by 37-year-old Nicholas J. Rinaldi of Cromwell on 24 January. An ex-Air Force man, Rinaldi admitted that the object "made me nervous."

At 8:15 on the night in question, Rinaldi was in his car when he spotted the huge (estimated to be 300 feet long) object hovering about 50 feet above the ground in West Cromwell. It had three red lights, he said, one on each end, and another just off center, and it made a whirring noise which increased when it moved. After hovering for 2 to 3 minutes, the cigar turned and began to move whereupon the sound increased and the lights became brighter. It then rocked from "right to left" for about a minute and moved off toward Hartford. It stopped again and appeared to hover above some high tension wires for about 10 seconds, then resumed its flight toward Hartford and disappeared in the distance.

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## Five Photographs Of Australian UAO

On March 5, 15-year-old John Coyle of Hallam, Victoria, Australia, was walking with his 11-year-old sister, Miriam, through farmland near the Hallam railway station to take photographs of a country train due to pass through. The children were on their way home when Miriam saw what she thought was a very fast airplane coming toward them. Soon it was overhead and circling. John raised his inexpensive (about \$1.00) camera and started snapping photos. As he later told the press, his sister was so excited and jumping up and down, that he got nervous and broke the winding knob off the camera. After the object had circled for a few minutes it took off in a straight line in a westerly direction. The children ran home to tell their parents what they had seen. See photos on this page.

APRO's Australian representative, Peter Norris, forwarded the photos, and the following information to headquarters: Kodak company examined the photos and were impressed by the consistent shape of the UFO shown in the six prints. Mr. Norris and his colleagues spent considerable time with the children who seemed to be completely sincere about the incident. The photographs were developed by a local chemist, so that there was no possibility of any tampering having taken place with the negatives. Hallam is a small, semi-suburban, semi-rural town about 25 miles from Melbourne. Six photos were taken altogether, but the object is barely visible in the sixth. The clearest of the five will be presented in this issue, but if space is too limited, two or three of the best shots will be selected and the others omitted.

## Disc Seen Over Expressway

On the third of March Joseph Czezur, 16, and Gary Jankowski, 16, of North Toledo, Ohio reported seeing and photographing an object in the sky, apparently over the construction site of the La-

grange-Manhattan segment of the Toledo expressway system. The boys said the weird, circular object appeared to "come out of nowhere," suddenly descending at terrific speed, occasionally shifting from side to side, then came to a hovering rest at about 300 feet altitude. The Czezur boy ran into his home and got his camera, took several shots of which only one showed anything. The object shortly took off straight up at dizzying speed, and disappeared into the sky. They described it as silvery with several blinking blue lights on the bottom half, approximately 75 feet in diameter and with a huge red blinking dome. It made a high-pitched "monotonous" sound, they said. The time of the sighting was between 5:30 and 6:00 P.M. and was only one of several sightings made on Wednesday and Friday by residents of the area. Mr. and Mrs. Keitl reported an object with flashing red and green lights which hovered for brief seconds, then zoomed out of sight and appeared to be saucer-shaped. This at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, the 1st. On Friday, the third,



they saw the same or a similar one at 6:00 P.M. The Keitls called their neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hiner who also viewed it as it maneuvered in various directions at various altitudes for about 20 minutes before it left the area.

## Car And UAO In Near Collision Near Grand Coulee

On or about the 22nd of April, Carey Lee Walt and his wife and another couple of Ephrata, Washington, were enroute to Blue Lake for early morning fishing. At about 1:00 A.M., he spotted a brilliant light in the sky ahead of him between George and Naylor Junction. The object seemed to stay in the distance for a while, then the car began to gain on it and at times the engine sputtered and seemed to lose power. The light at that time seemed to be only about 10 feet in front of the car, and he stopped the car, afraid that he was going to hit it. The light then moved off across a

field, disappeared in the distance and then reappeared behind the car. Walt and his passengers said the light stayed behind, turning to an amber color as it pursued the car for about 5 miles. As the fishing party approached Ephrata and other traffic the object disappeared. When the party arrived in Ephrata a report was made to the sheriff's officer. Sheriff Fletcher said the people were visibly shaken and still terrified days after the experience.

Mrs. Adella Scott, who reported the incident, included the following information: Ephrata is approximately 30 miles from the Grand Coulee Dam and is surrounded by several others: Rock Island, Dry Falls, Priest Rapid and Wanapum. An AFB is located near the town also, and the Hanford AEC Project is south of Ephrata. Mossyrock Dam, third highest in the U. S., is near completion, is primarily a power project and massive power lines are being set up over the mountains in the area.

## Colorado Sightings

On Tuesday, May 30, the Martin family of West Plum Creek, Colo., observed a flying object with a red light on top and two white lights on the bottom which appeared to be stationary in the south. It moved to the east until it stood directly north of them and was watched through field glasses for about half an hour. No shape could be seen, no noise was heard, and the bottom part seemed to be rotating. No exact time, but sighting made during hours of darkness.

On the night of Monday, June 5, Helen Esquibel, a resident of West Plum Creek Valley woke up just after midnight to see a red glow outside the bedroom window. She arose to find out what it was, and saw one very bright red light preceded by two white lights moving north, between the house and a hill which is about half a mile away. It appeared to move at the speed of a "fairly fast car." No body shape was seen between the lights but all seemed attached to some object. No sound was heard. It eventually passed out of sight.



## South Hill, Va. Landing

C. N. Crowder, manager of the Mobil Chemical Co. warehouse in South Hill, Virginia, had been working on his books on Friday night, the 27th of April. At 9 P.M. he left the warehouse and started home along an unpaved country road, then turned onto a narrow asphalt highway leading into South Hill a mile away. He went 50-75 yards when his lights, which were on dim, struck an object on the road ahead of him. He estimated it was 400 feet away and the description follows: The object was shaped like a storage tank, about 12 feet in diameter and, counting the legs, which appeared to be between 3 and 3½ feet long, was 15 or 16 feet high. When he spotted it he switched his lights to bright, and the object suddenly belched a white burst of flame from the bottom and ascended into the night. He stopped his car immediately and looked up, but the thing was gone "in a flash." The fiery column which apparently elevated the object seemed to be about 18 inches in diameter. There had been no sound, and there were no markings, protrusions, windows or doors visible. It was pewter-colored (leaden gray).

The roadway, meanwhile, was on fire. After it died out, Crowder proceeded to South Hill where he notified police and came back with two policemen to examine the area. They found a kidney-shaped black spot on the road, about 3 feet wide at the widest point. A geiger counter examination showed no excess radioactivity.

William Powers, assistant to Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University, arrived on the scene to examine the spot. Using kerosene and gasoline and a blowtorch he attempted to simulate the black spot, but had no luck. Where each "foot" of the machine was supposed to have rested there were found two spike holes, similar to those made by football cleats. They were about six inches apart,  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch in diameter and about an inch deep. The four "feet" were about 11½ to 12 feet apart and the diagonals (between corners) were 16 feet, one inch and 16 feet 6 inches, respectively. Powers concluded that the center of gravity was centered over the firepoint and noted that the intersections of the diagonals did not make right angles and deviated two degrees from 90.

In comparing this case with the famous Socorro incident, there seems, on the surface, to be little resemblance. However, if Mr. Crowder was viewing the object from the end, it could have been oblong and then the general shape and the four "legs" would be similar. The impressions in the ground at Socorro were wedge-shaped and would be efficient means of "anchoring" an object of that type in loose but rocky soil. The "spiked" feet of the South Hill object would be ideal for anchoring on a comparatively smooth, hard surface.

Other incidents related to the South

Hill sighting are: Ronald Martin, a farmer living close to site of the landing, was out in his yard, having just arrived from visiting a relative at a South Hill hospital, and he saw the flash—"bright enough to show a crow up in a tree," he said. Mrs. Linda Clark, another resident in the sparsely populated area, said she saw the glare of the light that Martin and Crowder saw, after which she heard a child cry out. Her own child (the only one in the vicinity) was in bed and fast asleep at the time.

Crowder, an Air Force veteran of World War II and highly regarded in South Hill, has stated that he thinks the object he saw was some kind of experimental vehicle. This theory does not stand up considering our knowledge of government policy concerning test vehicles, however. If such a vehicle is still in the test stages, it would be confined to testing grounds; if it is perfected, it would seem likely that it would be in use—it is a highly mobile, maneuverable and speedy object.

One thing that piqued Crowder's curiosity was the fact that a Cadillac bearing Idaho license plates and carrying an Air Force Lt. Col., a sergeant and the Colonel's wife arrived on Saturday at 3 P.M., 18 hours after his sighting. The two men questioned him closely about the incident, he said, and the Air Force hasn't been able to find out who they were or a thing about them. Crowder had thought they were visiting him in official capacity.

## Object Over TV Towers In West Virginia

On the 12th of April, a 17-year-old student at Vienna, W. Va., looked out the window to ascertain the cause of the sound of the local fire siren. The time was 9 P.M. Through the window, which faces west, he spotted two "elliptical blobs of light" vertically in line and the distance (estimated by witness) between them seemed to be between 100 and 200 feet. There appeared to be movement among a number of small, bright white lights arranged in a columnar shape extending between the two "blobs." The large "blobs" were of a yellowish color and about the size of a fifty cent piece held at arm's length. The boy called his family and all went into the yard to look at the lights, which were at about 25 degrees elevation. After 15 minutes of observation, a small brilliant light which appeared like the lights in movement between the elliptical light glows, emerged from the bottom of the lower glow, rose in a 45 degree angle to a height about the top of the upper glow, then made a short sweep, coming into a straight trajectory due east. It appeared to the observers to stop suddenly in the vicinity of the Penn Metal Plant (about 4 blocks north of the witness' location). The light, compared to Venus which was in view about 8 degrees left and above the tower, and

the light was about the same size, but much more brilliant. At this time a very bright cone of light was ejected straight downward but did not meet the ground. It moved jerkily, in a circular pattern. One and a half minutes later the cone-shaped beam went out, the upper light proceeded in the same direction (due east) toward the revolving beacons of Wood County Airport. It was out of sight for a couple of minutes, then returned from the same direction it had disappeared but at a lower altitude. It continued west but stayed to the north of the two glows and when it reached the horizon the two glows went out suddenly. The entire sighting lasted 30 minutes. The large "blobs" were located directly over the WTAP Radio and TV tower across the Ohio River on Constitution Hill in Ohio. Two electrical substations and the Johns-Manville plant are located within a mile south of the tower, and another substation two miles northeast.

## Huge UAO "Lands" On RCA Building

A six-month-old sighting of considerable interest took place between 1:30 A.M. and 3:00 A.M. on Sunday, October 30, 1966. The information, briefly, is the following: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Paulus, Jr. of Maple Shade, N. J. were traveling on Route 38 in Cherry Hill when they spotted an object of the following description: Silver, metallic, dirigible-shaped about 342 feet long and 138 feet high, and soundless. Attention attracted as the ground was lit up by light from above. Row of large, amber-colored vertical windows with translucent appearance, along both sides. Two large, round brilliant white lights on each side of center line of bottom, recessed into craft. The nose of the ship was like a large beacon which covered the entire front cone and pulsated as diffused white light and had a radar-type probe aerial which protruded from the cone-type light and appeared connected to a line or cable which was in contact with the RCA roof in the area of one of the large tripod antennas there. The antenna is 30 feet above the roof. Several pulsating or blinking lights were located on top of the object, and were red, blue and green. The huge white light on the belly of the ship was in use only during flight. No landing gear ever visible. A section of the round bottom part of the ship resembled an exit or entrance way, and what looked like a cable type ladder extended to the roof of the RCA building. The sequence of events: The Paulus' were on their way to pick up friends, going west on Route 38. They stopped at intersection of Coles Avenue Circle and Route 38 to wait for traffic light change when the ground lit up. They then looked out, saw the object which was south of them just above treetop level. The object passed above the car,

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going north. Because they had an appointment to pick up their friends they watched the object and then went on their way. On their return trip, at about 3:00 A.M., the two couples saw the object again. They stopped and watched for about ten minutes, then, being in a reserved parking area, they left. At this point they noticed that the forward light on the nose of the ship was made up from several curved sections and the seams where the sections were joined together were clearly seen.

## UAO Follows Moving Van

At about 6:30 A.M. on the morning of 3 May, Mrs. Ruth S. Smyth, who was westbound on the Schuylkill Expressway, approximately 6 miles out of Philadelphia, Pa., noticed an object a little above and ahead of her car, a Renault Dauphine. There had been rain when she left the city, but it had stopped and there was a heavy overcast.

The observer was following a diesel-powered Greyhound moving van, traveling at about 58-60 miles per hour. She said the object, a disc-shaped thing of gunmetal gray color with a darker gray band around the division between top and bottom, seemed to be following the moving van. The top section of the saucer appeared to be revolving as if on a central axis and around the darker band was a row of "unlighted porthole sort of windows." There was no light emanating from nor surrounding the craft.

Using telephone poles for comparison, the driver estimated the craft was passing the moving van at about 65-70 miles per hour, and was no more than 150 feet in the air. It appeared to be 35-40 feet in diameter and about 20 feet thick. There were no visible wings or fins, but a thin stream of vapor issued from a sort of "exhaust pipe." It was solid and metallic in appearance. The driver dropped back in order to see it better and all of a sudden the stream of vapor changed to cherry red sparks and the object shot straight up into the overcast and disappeared from sight. At the moment the vapor changed to sparks, the observer said she "got the worst toothache" she has ever had in her life. A few seconds after the object disappeared the toothache went away. During questioning about the toothache, it was learned that the entire upper right side of the woman's jaw ached, but one spot was worse than the other—it was a place where there was no tooth. Mrs. Smyth concluded her report: ". . . the craft was like nothing I have ever seen in the air, or on the ground and I shall never forget it. I must know where it came from, why it was here, who or what was operating it."

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## Flurry In Kentucky

The staff is regretful that they cannot present all the sightings which have come into headquarters in January and February, but can concentrate on only the best, of which the following three are fairly representative:

The first in a series of sightings in the vicinity of Frankfort, Kentucky took place at 9 P.M. A high school student who declined identification in print, called his high school principal to report a strange elongated moving light which was almost cylindrical in form. Shortly after he sighted it, another light joined it and both hovered over one spot of the countryside, then disappeared almost as quickly as they had come into view. This on the 15th.

Just short of an hour later, many residents in Shelbyville noted and reported a soft blue light in the vicinity of Shelbyville's electrical substation. Just after the blue light was noted, a power failure occurred which put Shelbyville in darkness for 50 minutes. Unfortunately our sources have not indicated whether or not any cause for the power failure was found.

The next sighting took place at 6:30 A.M. on January 16. A local man (who requested anonymity also) saw a green, gaseous cloud as he started for work in the capital city of Frankfort. He didn't pay much attention to it until he was on the four-lane highway between Versailles and Frankfort, when he saw the object or a similar one again, to the south of the location. He stopped his car, walked across the road and looked at the balloon-shaped thing. It resembled the hot-air balloon of yesteryear, with gondola attached. It was light green in color and he estimated its altitude between 750 and 1000 feet.

The observer watched for about 20 minutes before going on his way. A state policeman reported sighting a similar object at the same time of the morning on the same day, only near Elizabethtown.

Number three of the series involves an object seen by three women at the same time. One lady was on her way home from work at 7 A.M. on the 18th. She said the object which attracted her attention was shaped like a saucer, was round, flat and lights coming from it cast a glow toward the ground. It was clearly silhouetted against the dark cloudiness of the early morning sky. It appeared to be moving in a straight line from the northeast toward Alton and Lawrenceburg. She said the whole thing had a radiant, bluish cast. The lady stated that there was no noise, that she could determine, but that she had all the car doors shut tight. She had it clearly in view during her 10 minute ride home.

At the same time, the witness' sister-in-law walked outside her home not far from where the object was seen and

saw a very unusual object. She said: "It was shaped like a "V", sort of cloudy below the top of the thing. It resembled a white-bluish cloud, saucer-shaped at the top. It didn't look as if it were moving too much to me—more like it was coming down out of the sky."

A friend and coworker of the sister-in-law walked out of her home at 6:35 A.M. on the same morning to start her car. "At first I thought a house was on fire when I saw this light," she told the press. She called her family outside and they all watched the object for about 20 minutes. "To me it looked something like a horseshoe, something rounded at the top with this bluish color light coming down from it," she said. "It was no cloud. It had substance, and it wasn't too far off the ground, how far I can't say," she added.

## That Robertson Report

We have received several letters referring to the paragraph in the 1953 Robertson report which mentions APRO. We quote: "The CIA also said in the debunking order that civilian UFO organizations such as the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) should be kept under surveillance because they might be subversive."

The Phoenix Gazette, quoting Dr. James MacDonald of the University of Arizona, used this paragraph into which MacDonald had inserted the words, "Tucson-based."

Despite the insinuative nature of that paragraph, those who quoted it were not aware that one year after the report was issued, in 1954, Mrs. Lorenzen was employed by the USAF at Holloman AFB, New Mexico in the Range Scheduling Office where she stayed, with appropriate security clearance until she terminated the employment due to ill health. Mr. Lorenzen was employed by Telecomputing Services Incorporated, under contract to the Army, at Holloman from 1954 through June 1960 when he terminated to accept a position at the Observatory at Tucson. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen were required to have high security clearances.

This is just another example of people or groups making statements concerning subjects about which they know little or nothing. The Robertson Report was written during that time which has gone down in history as "The McCarthy Era."

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"Fleets" of UAOs have been observed throughout South America, flying south to north trajectories. Full details in next issue. This is believed to be beginning of "fall flap."